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I am providing response comments related to the following application (choose one):	<b>KanOklaNetworks_WellingtonRural</b>
I am responding to the concern that this project:	<b>Proposes to serve an area likely to be served without grant funds because plans area in place to serve this area, although construction has not yet begun</b>
Please describe:	<b>The proposed rural area south of Wellington is not overlapping Cox's intended plans that they state is "a significant area of Wellington." See Cox's map (attached in supporting documentation) of their future plans presented to the Wellington City Council on Sept 20, 2022.</b>

Please provide your response to the public comments received in the text box below:

**KanOkla's proposed grant area is the RURAL areas south of the Wellington city limits, which does not overlap Cox's intended plans to build fiber within the city limits of Wellington (see the attached map of Cox's presentation to the City of Wellington) as defined by their KCC video service authorization amendment (July 2022). KanOkla serves the area west, south, southeast, and now inside the city limits of Wellington. KanOkla's proposed grant area will connect to our privately funded current construction of a multi-gigabit fiber network KanOkla built within the city limits of Wellington, which broke ground in February 2022. Speaking to this confusion of Cox's comments against KanOkla's RURAL fiber build proposal by using their future plans to build fiber inside the Wellington CITY limits should speak to their lack of awareness and knowledge of the area. In addition, their city proposal to overbuild KanOkla's multi-gigabit fiber network using the exact same technology in the same disrupted, crowded right-of-ways, is a gross duplicity and disservice to the residents who have endured months of construction and supply chain delays to serve nothing more than Cox's interests. This speaks to their complete lack of relationships and awareness of the community.**

**KanOkla should be awarded the grant funding for this extremely rural area of farm houses that is clearly outside of the bounds of Cox's intended plan to serve only cities and call it "rural." KanOkla surrounds this donut hole area of friends and neighbors that have been begging for us to bring vital broadband connectivity for their families. We have several letters of support from these residents that we have built close relationships with over the years. We share church pews, grocery aisles and school events with these families, and support their children's 4H events and school activities. Cox has ZERO relationships with anyone in this area and never intends to serve this rural farmland. In fact, when we told some of the residents in this specific area that Cox is contesting to build fiber to, but never intends to come that far out, they quoted Cox's terrible service reputation they've heard from friends and read online from Google and Facebook. One of the City Commissioners in Wellington lived in Winfield and experienced this firsthand and loathed the terrible customer service they drag along with them. KanOkla is same-day service, has technicians that live in the area, service the surrounding area already with fiber to the home service, have served the region for 71 years and will continue to serve it for another hundred years. We are here for the longevity of the project and will continue to upgrade electronics to provide a modern broadband network, whereas larger companies, including Cox who boasted they are the 3rd largest in the country at the Wellington City Council presentation, will repeat history and leave these areas poorly lacking in support or service. The lack of local trust for Cox is a major distaste for the residents of this area and in the City of Wellington where KanOkla is already building a fiber network.**

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Please provide supporting documents relative to your comments. Please submit multiple files as a ZIP file.

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